

The Pacific Commercial Advertiser

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, October 4.—Last 24 Hours' Rainfall, trace.
Temperature, Max. 82; Min. 74. Weather, fair.

ESTABLISHED JULY 2, 1856.

SUGAR.—96 Degree Test Centrifugals, 4.20c. Per Ton, \$84.00.
88 Analysis Beets, 10s. 9½d. Per Ton, \$85.60.

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HONOLULU, HAWAII TERRITORY, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1909.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

PUBLIC LANDS FOR HOME SEEKERS

Government Surveyed Lots Are to Be Opened Up.

All the government homestead lots in the Territory which have been surveyed are to be thrown on the market in one great lot and anybody who wants them and can comply with the terms under which they are to be offered, may acquire a home.

Marston Campbell, as Land Commissioner, announced yesterday that he is having prepared a complete list showing all the homestead lands that have been surveyed, and that as soon as the list is completed, a big advertisement will be published, informing the home-hungry public how and where homestead lots may be obtained.

There has for a long time been more or less complaint that government lands that should be thrown open to bona fide homesteaders were tied up in a tangle of red tape instead of being turned into homes for citizens of the Territory. This has been one of the most serious and loudly voiced complaints against the conduct of the Land Office, especially under former administrations. Now the protestations of the government that more settlers are wanted and that lands will be provided for them appear in a fair way to be proved grounded on fact.

There are thousands of acres of government lands suitable for homesteading scattered over the Territory, there being good lands on all the bigger islands. Some of the land has not been surveyed and cannot be thrown on the market until it is, but a large amount has been surveyed and will provide room for many new homes and small farms. The list will be published by the Land Office when it is prepared.

MAY A WOMAN OWN A SALOON?

Interesting Question Raised at Meeting of the Liquor License Board.

A license to run a saloon at Waipahu was granted by the Liquor License Board yesterday afternoon to Joe J. Dias, there being no opposition to the granting of the same.

The question was raised as to whether or not a woman may hold an interest in a saloon license. After the license had been granted, attorney E. M. Watson, appearing for the petitioner, asked that leave be granted Mr. Dias to transfer a half interest in it to his mother, Mrs. Julia Dias. He explained that the saloon at Waipahu used to be run by the father of J. J. Dias. Dias senior died last year. His estate is heavily in debt to certain wholesale liquor houses in Honolulu, and the mother and son are eager to wipe out the indebtedness. At the same time, it is desirable that the estate be closed up. By allowing the mother and son to form a copartnership this could be more easily accomplished than in any other way.

Board Unfavorable.
The proposition, however, did not please the Board a little bit. They did not look at all favorably upon the proposition of allowing a woman to

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ESTATE OF C. M. COOKE MUST BE APPRAISED

The will of the late C. M. Cooke was admitted to probate yesterday morning by Judge Robinson on petition of C. Montague Cooke, Jr., and Clarence H. Cooke. Anna C. Cooke, C. Montague Cooke, Jr., and Clarence H. Cooke were appointed executrix and executors, without bonds, according to the terms of the will.

Notwithstanding the provisions of the will that no inventory of the estate should ever be made or filed in court, Judge Robinson appointed R. H. Trent, Henry C. Hapai and E. B. Damon appraisers to determine the value of the property, "for the purpose of fixing the value of all devises or bequests under the will of said deceased, and the inheritance tax to which the same are liable."

BONDSMEN FOR MORI ARE FOUND

Japanese Who Stabbed Sheba Will Be Released.

Mori, the Japanese who murderously assaulted and stabbed Editor Sheba of the Hawaii Shimpō, and who has been in jail ever since awaiting trial, will be released on bail today if the plans of his friends do not again miscarry. Funds have been collected to get him out, the angel being Editor Yokogawa of the Maui Shimbun, himself only a short time out of jail and liable to go back for a long term if he is found guilty of the offense with which he is charged.

Yokogawa, who was arrested by the Federal authorities on several charges of sending obscene matter through the mails, was released on bond recently. He at once got busy trying to aid his friend Mori, whose predicament was even worse than his own.

Yokogawa Hustles.
Mori's bonds had been fixed at \$5000, and all his efforts to get bondsmen had resulted in failure. But Yokogawa hustled around Honolulu with a subscription list to get contributions to make up a purse to make it worth while for men with money to go on the bond. He did fairly well here and then returned to Maui, where he circulated his list, and by strenuous endeavor secured enough to be able to guarantee the sum of \$250 to each of three bondsmen in return for their taking a chance. Under this inducement Ah Leong, a local Chinese merchant; Yamashiro, the Japanese hotel-keeper who was active in the Higher Wage Association; and Kawasaki, another hotelkeeper, who is also a deacon in the Japanese Methodist church,

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HIGHER WAGE MEN STILL COLLECTING

Olaa Japanese Easy --- Hawaii Settling Down---Maui Still in Dark.

Collectors of the Higher Wage Association are doing a fairly good business in the hinterlands of Hawaii, according to a report brought back from the Big Island by S. Sheba, the editor of the Hawaii Shimpō, who was sent for by the Hilo Japanese to arbitrate some of their differences.

"I find that the feeling of the Japanese on the plantations close to Hilo is one of a desire to let well enough alone," said Mr. Sheba, "but on the Olaa plantation I found some of the agitation sentiment remaining. There were two collectors of the Higher Wage Association visiting the plantation while I was there, collecting on the basis of a 25 per cent. commission. The laborers are paying in thirty cents each a month, believing that they are supporting an association that still has a great deal of power and influence. Most of the laborers do not really know what they are giving the money for, while others say that they are paying in to help meet the deficit they are told exists in the association treasury."

"Between Waiakae and Hilo I noticed a building with a sign stating that it was the headquarters for the Japanese Labor Union. There was a man within busy on some books, possibly figuring out his commissions. "All over Hawaii, practically, the feeling of unrest has died out, but I am told that on Maui, particularly around Wailuku, Kahului, and Lahaina, the Japanese do not yet understand the situation in Honolulu."

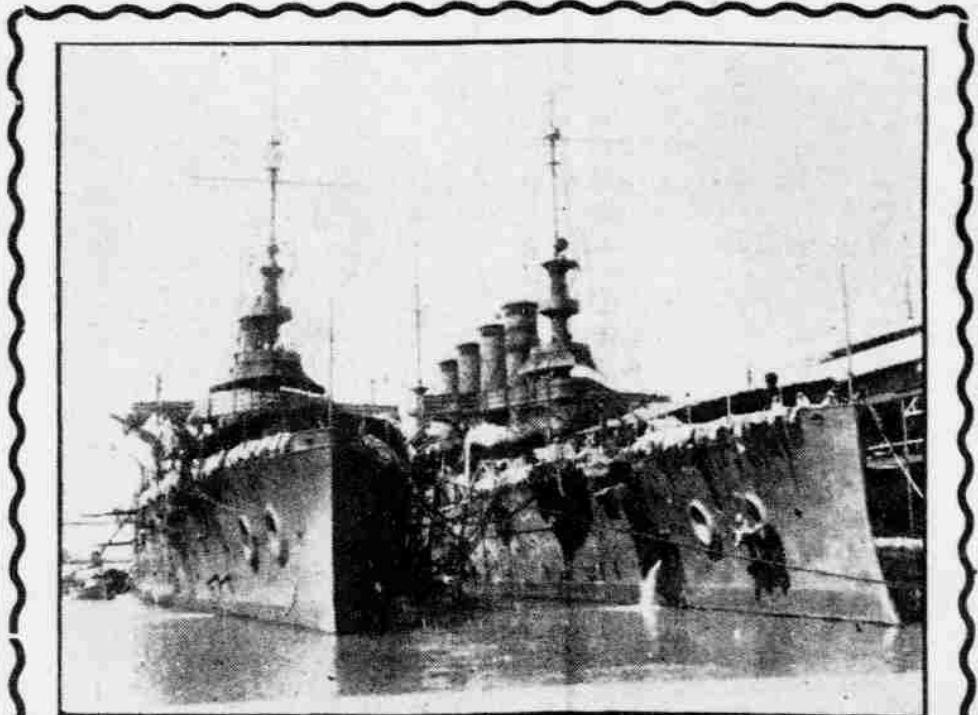
MONGOLIA AND NIPPON.

The P. M. S. S. Mongolia sails from San Francisco for Honolulu today and is due here the morning of the 11th. The T. K. K. S. S. Nippon Maru, sailing from Yokohama about October 6, is due here the 15th or 16th instant.

TRANSPORT BUFORD EXPECTED.

The transport Buford may arrive this afternoon from Manila via Nagasaki. She has accommodations for about all who have applied for passage at the depot quartermaster's office.

SEBREE'S BIG FLEET SAILS TODAY FOR SOUTH SEAS



FLAGSHIP WEST VIRGINIA (on right) AND CRUISER PENNSYLVANIA, AS THEY LAY IN THE ALAKEA STREET SLIP.

At two o'clock this afternoon the Pacific fleet will shape course from off the harbor for Nares Harbor, Admiralty Islands, and will start off at a thirteen-knot clip.

The Pennsylvania went outside at four o'clock yesterday afternoon, the Colorado goes out at nine this morning, the Washington at eleven, the West Virginia at one in the afternoon, and the flagship Tennessee will cast off moorings, and as soon as she reaches the head of the line the Admiral's order to start south will be given.

The last of the coal taken from the naval station yards was placed aboard the warships in port yesterday afternoon and by this morning all the vessels will be washed down and in readiness for inspection.

Captain Benson, chief of staff, stated

yesterday afternoon that the coaling has been most satisfactory, and that the arrangements for coaling all the ships have been most satisfactorily carried out, which, he says, speaks well for the capacity of Honolulu as a coaling station to supply coal. This, of course, refers to the naval station authorities, and is a feather in the cap of officers from Captain Rees and Paymaster Hornberger to Pay Clerk Tommy Dunn.

All eight ships are now in perfect condition, the repairs to both the Colorado and West Virginia having been satisfactorily made by local concerns. The cruise to the Admiralty Islands will undoubtedly be accomplished in good time. The fleet will be met there by four colliers, two from Norfolk and two from Manila.

Following is the itinerary of the fleet for the remainder of the cruise:

Leave Honolulu October 5, 1909; arrive Nares Harbor, Admiralty Islands, (Continued on Page Six.)

FLEET EQUAL TO MILLION MEN STRONG FIRMS BACKING PLAN

Capt. Fiske of Flagship Argues for Best Navy.

Admiral Sebree's fleet of eight armored warships represent the potential strength of a million soldiers under arms, is the declaration of Captain Bradley Fiske, United States Navy, commanding the admiral's flagship Tennessee, made an address on "The Navy" delivered before members of the Honolulu Branch of the Navy League at the naval station yesterday afternoon. Captain Fiske is a recognized authority on technical subjects relating to naval development.

The eight armored cruisers sailing today, represented, he said, a concentrated power, and for a comparison, he stated that the armament and effectiveness were equal to a whole million men armed with modern rifles. The captain asked whether it would be possible under any conditions to move one million men from San Francisco to Honolulu in five days as the Admiral had brought his eight ships here with their tremendous tonnage of armament and tons of explosive shells and powder.

This comparison alone indicated what an element of mobile power a navy represents and was presented as an argument in favor of the best navy possible for the United States. The sixteen battleships, which made the famous tour of the world appealed to the public from a spectacular standpoint, but when regarded in the light of the power each ship as a unit represented the whole fleet might have been compared to an army of 3,000,000 soldiers.

A Besieged Honolulu.
Captain Fiske, in introducing his subject, referred to the situation of Oahu, saying that the people here knew perfectly what it would mean if the city were beleaguered by a hostile force, Honolulu being a part of the United States and standing or falling with the rest of the country.

In Time of Peace.

"A number of countries have an idea just now that they should have navies capable of doing things," said the speaker. "A great many intelligent and responsible people of the

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Leading Corporations Endorse Steamer Project

Directors of Alexander and Baldwin, Ltd., Brewer & Co., Ltd., and Castle and Cooke, Ltd., all interested in the Matson Navigation Company, have held meetings and agreed that the solution of the steamship traffic business between Honolulu and San Francisco rests largely with the Matson company, and that a new steamer with accommodations for two hundred passengers and capable of making the Coast to Islands' trip in five and a half days ought to be built at once.

This is in line with the statement of J. P. Cooke, manager of the Alexander & Baldwin interests, that the Matson company has been loyally treated by the business interests of the Territory in the way of freights for their line of steamships, and that with the progress the company is making in developing into a large shipping corporation, it is up to the Matson people.

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JUVENILES ROUNDED UP IN DOWNTOWN SECTION

Twenty-five boys ranging in age from seven to fourteen years were rounded up off the streets after 10 o'clock last night and taken to the station. Some of them were taken from places of amusement. The arrests were made at nearly half after 10. The boys were taken to the bicycle yard adjoining the station and were subjected to considerable questioning by the police officers, the inquiry going on until almost midnight before the youngsters were sent to their homes. Young boys have recently become defiant of law and police officers and roamed about at pleasure. The present juvenile law places so many restrictions upon officers taking in small boys that the police are rather nervous about picking them up.

MINISTER CRANE RECALLED ON EVE OF DEPARTURE

Was Coming on Thomas---Knox Wants Another Conference---No Explanations---Taft Professes No Knowledge.

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

SAN FRANCISCO, October 5.—Charles R. Crane, American Minister to China, who is here in readiness to leave for the Orient today as a passenger on the U. S. Army transport Thomas, has received a sudden message recalling him to Washington. The Minister states that he is to confer with Secretary of State Knox, but beyond this will give no explanation of the sudden and unexpected desire of the Secretary to see him.

O'BRIEN IS COMING.

Thomas J. O'Brien, Ambassador to Japan, who was accompanying Minister Crane to the Orient, will continue his journey. The new Minister will follow on the Korea, to sail from San Francisco on October 20.

TAFT KNOWS NO REASON.

SACRAMENTO, October 5.—President Taft, interviewed here yesterday regarding the sudden change from Washington in the plans of Minister Crane, stated that he has no knowledge concerning the Minister's recall to Washington.

Minister Crane was named as the head of America's representative at American Minister to China by President Taft, leaving a great business in his honor in New York on the evening Chicago to undertake the difficult work.

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PRESIDENT TAFT IS WELCOMED TO CALIFORNIA

SACRAMENTO, October 5.—President Taft was welcomed to California yesterday by Governor Gillett, who met the President at Redding. Last night the President arrived here and was tendered a great reception in the Capitol.

HORSE-TRACK BETTING CONSPIRATORS INDICTED

NEW YORK, October 5.—The officers of the Brooklyn and Brighton Beach jockey clubs, together with twenty-five bookmakers, three police officers and five detectives, were indicted yesterday by a grand jury on a charge of a conspiracy to allow betting to be carried on in connection with the racing on the clubs' tracks.

WRIGHT DEMONSTRATES WHAT HE MIGHT DO

NEW YORK, October 4.—Wilbur Wright, the aviation expert, today performed the remarkable and spectacular aerial feat of circling over the assembled ships of war of various nations in the Hudson river, gathered together in the great Hudson-Fulton celebration. Passing over the floating fortresses, the daring flier maneuvered in his airship over Grant's tomb on the bank of the Hudson, then returned to his starting point. His flight extended over twenty miles.

BATTLESHIP MINNESOTA GETS SILVER SERVICE

NEW YORK, October 4.—A ten thousand dollar silver service, the gift of the State, and a splendid stand of colors, the gift of the children of Minnesota, were today presented, with appropriate ceremony, aboard the battleship Minnesota.

GREAT NEWSPAPER MAN TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

VIENNA, Austria, October 4.—Albert Pulitzer, fifty-eight years of age, retired editor and author, committed suicide in this city this morning, shooting himself with a revolver after having taken poison.

Pulitzer was born at Mako, Hungary, and came to the United States in 1867, teaching German to young ladies in Kansas. He entered journalism in Chicago in 1869, removing to New York in 1871, where he worked on the New York Sun and Herald until 1882. He founded the Morning Journal of New York, now called The American, which he conducted until 1895, when, owing to ill health, he sold the paper and retired to Europe. He had been ill for some time and was sick at the time of his suicide.

ROW LEADS TO SAME OLD DECISION

WASHINGTON, October 4.—United States Attorney-General Wickersham today rendered an opinion to the effect that the Secretary of the Navy has authority to assign a surgeon to the command of a hospital ship.